

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

#### **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1-5. (canceled).

6. (currently amended): A method of preparing fabric for use in ink-jet printing, said fabric comprising ~~composed of yarn having one or more types of synthetic fiber alone, or combined with non-synthetic fiber containing at least some synthetic fiber~~, comprising:

applying a solution containing an ink holding agent of high wettability to said synthetic fiber so as to cause said solution to penetrate into the fabric, and

thereafter, applying an ink holding agent of low wettability to said synthetic fiber from the fabric's nonprinting side, so as to cause said solution to penetrate into the fabric.

7. (currently amended): A method of preparing fabric for use in ink-jet printing, said fabric comprising ~~composed of yarn having one or more types of synthetic fiber alone, or combined with non-synthetic fiber containing at least some synthetic fiber~~, consisting of two textures napped and ground, comprising:

applying a solution containing an ink holding agent of high wettability to said synthetic fiber to cause said solution to penetrate into said napped and ground textures, and

thereafter, applying a solution containing an ink holding agent of low wettability to said synthetic fiber from the fabric's non-printing side to cause said solution to penetrate into the ground texture.

8-18. (canceled).

19. (previously presented): A method of preparing fabric for use in ink-jet printing, as recited in claim 6,

wherein said ink holding agent of high wettability comprises a synthetic polymer, and

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wherein said ink holding agent of low wettability comprises at least one of a semi-synthetic polymer and natural polymer.

20. (previously presented): A method of preparing fabric for use in ink-jet printing as recited in claim 7,

wherein said ink holding agent of high wettability comprises a synthetic polymer, and

wherein said ink holding agent of low wettability comprises at least one of a semi-synthetic polymer and natural polymer.

21. (new): A method of preparing fabric for use in ink-jet printing, as recited in claim 6, wherein said non-synthetic fiber comprises a natural fiber.

22 (new): A method of preparing fabric for use in ink-jet printing, as recited in claim 7 wherein said non-synthetic fiber comprises a natural fiber.

23 (new): A method of preparing fabric for use in ink-jet printing, as recited in claim 6, wherein said non-synthetic fiber comprises a regenerated fiber.

24. (new): A method of preparing fabric for use in ink-jet printing, as recited in claim 7, wherein said non-synthetic fiber comprises a regenerated fiber.